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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of Johann ARNOLD, Dieter BRUECKNER, Franz-Josef GOETZ,
Dieter KLOTZ, Juergen SCHIMMER
SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR RECEIVING DATA
TELEGRAMS IN COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS HAVING REDUNDANT
NETWORK PATHS

Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT

Our Ref. Q79528

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising fifteen (15) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and three (3) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), with an International Search Report and German Office Action with translations thereof, and eight (8) references. **Copies of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/03430, filed September 13, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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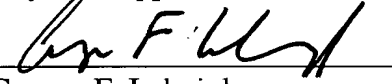
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	101 47 428.8	September 26, 2001
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The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

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